

## GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT SHOWS GAIN

QUANTITY OF FARM PRODUCTS INCREASES, BUT PRICES AVERAGE LOWER.

ESTIMATE COVERS 4 STAPLES

Corn Shows a Gain in Bushels but a Loss in Price While Wheat Loss on Both Ends—Oats and Potatoes Decline.

### Jefferson City.

Estimates of crop production and prices for the state of Missouri, compiled by the bureau of crop estimates at Washington, D. C., is as follows:

Corn—October 1 forecast, 217,000,000; final estimate last year, 188,400,000; price October 1, 69, year ago, 79.

Wheat—Estimate 31,890,000; final estimate last year 43,333,000; price October 1 \$1.80, year ago, 95 cents.

Oats—Production estimate October 1 is 20,900,000; September 1 forecast 23,359,000; final estimate last year 25,800,000; price October 1 37, year ago 44.

Potatoes—October 1 forecast 8,080,000; September 1 forecast 8,192,000; final estimate last year 9,915,000; price October 1 54, year ago 56.

### Baseball for Felons.

The convicts in the Missouri penitentiary are to have recreation or playgrounds soon. Warden McClung has put a large force of convicts at work inclosing and clearing eight acres of land belonging to the state and adjoining the east wall of the prison. It will be walled in like the penitentiary proper, and arrangements will be made for baseball and other outdoor sports. A swimming pool and shower baths will be added. A swimming pool has been installed in the women's department. Benches will be placed on the grounds for the women prisoners, and some extra space will be planted in flowers. It develops that the matron of this department has been running a night school there, largely on her own motion, for the last five months, and with extremely gratifying results.

The new modern cell building is nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy about the close of the year. It will house about 600 men.

### State May Face Deficit.

With a balance of but \$11,000 in the state revenue fund on Oct. 1, a dropping off of nearly \$100,000 in the regular revenue is a steady increase in the operating expense of the state penitentiary, and overappropriation of about \$1,000,000 by the last legislature, indications are the Missouri state treasury may be facing a deficit of probably a million dollars by the end of 1916.

Despite the fact Gov. Major has announced he will hold the appropriations within the estimated revenues of the present biennial period—about \$11,500,000—this may not save the state from a serious deficit. He already has "shaved off" about \$2,000,000. The shortage in the school funds, caused by the switching of the revenue not considered "ordinary," is a situation entirely independent of the three-million dollar deficit.

One cause of the temporary shortage is the fact that the taxes from St. Louis, heretofore available in September, are not to be collected until December. The new city charter is responsible for the change.

### Hawkins Returns Inquiry Money.

Senator Charles P. Hawkins of Dunklin county, has forwarded to State Treasurer Edwin P. Deal a certified check for \$1,000, the amount of the appropriation made by the last state senate to defray the expenses of an investigation by the senate penitentiary committee, of which Hawkins was chairman.

In all, \$11,500 was appropriated for special senate junketing committees appointed by resolution to investigate child labor, women's wages, prison problems, insurance and senate chamber furnishings.

All of the special senate committees have returned the money appropriated for them. The amount refunded by each committee follows:

### Return From War Zone.

Jacob F. Moerschel and wife returned from Bavaria, where they were visiting when the European war began. He is president of the Capitol City Brewing Company here.

### Morris Is Indorsed.

A Grundy county gentleman declared Col. Charles D. Morris is the virtually unanimous choice of the Republicans of that county for the next gubernatorial nomination.

### Clark Thanks Major.

Gov. Major has received from Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, a letter of appreciation and thanks for being designated the "greatest living Missourian."

### Bakery Company to Pay Costs.

The costs of the outer proceedings against the American Baking Co., have been assumed by the corporation. Judge Lamm receives as commissioner, \$1,500, and Miss Mary Lee \$625.22 for stenographic work.

### Minority Report Charges Waste.

As has been anticipated since the inception of the investigation, there will be a minority report from the Republican members of the special investigating committee of the house, appointed during the last session of the general assembly to make inquiry into alleged extravagance in the conduct of state offices and departments.

The committee has been working since its inception about the middle of last winter. It is made up of Representative Frank H. Faris of Phelps county, chairman, and Noah W. Simpson of Lewis county, R. R. Correll of Randolph, Almon W. Ing of Butler and Frank M. Harr of Clark.

The minority report recites that the Missouri penitentiary is the largest penal institution of its kind in the world, at the time of the investigation containing more than 2,600 prisoners.

One of the important departments of the penitentiary, so far as its management is concerned, is the commissary, since it is through this department all foodstuffs and supplies are furnished. The penitentiary authorities did not keep an account of the receipts and disbursements of the commissary until January 1, 1915.

Expert accountants reported, the report states, that the employee in charge of the commissary, Carl McClung, son of the warden, also conducts a private store in the commissary building.

Carl McClung, the report states, as an employee of the penitentiary, receives a salary of \$100 a month. It declares that this private store has been conducted for many years, and that near relatives of previous wardens have always had charge of it. It now urges the prohibition of the practice.

### Interest on State's Balance.

State Treasurer Edwin P. Deal has turned into the treasury interest collected on the state's daily balances for September totaling \$15,228.67.

The interest on the balances in the general funds paid by the various depositories was as follows:

Central Missouri Trust Co., Jefferson City, \$152.25; Central National Bank, Booneville, \$79.34; Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, \$596.58; the Charleston Bank, Charleston, \$451.68; Exchange Bank, Jefferson City, \$734.26; First National Bank, Jefferson City, \$754.47; Old Bank Trust Co., of Shelbyville, \$229.42; Mercantile Trust Co., of St. Louis, \$1,848.94; Holland Banking Co., Springfield, \$854.50; the Lyon Bankinghouse of Edina, \$222.77; Bank of La Plata, La Plata, \$210.52; Ellington Bank, Ellington, \$191.90; Kearney Bank, Kearney, \$437.47; the Bank of Lilbourne, \$224.62; Schuyler County Bank, Lancaster, \$218.26; Shoddard County Trust Co., Bloomfield, \$218.26; Citizens Bank, Marshfield, \$237.43; Mississippi County Bank, Charleston, \$254.26; Southern Missouri Trust Co., Springfield, \$224.17; a total of \$5,859.38 on the general balance.

On the capital building fund balance the total interest for the month was \$6,489.29, of which the Central Missouri Trust Co., of Jefferson City paid \$554.62, and the Mercantile Trust Co., of St. Louis paid \$5,934.67.

### Men Are the Breadwinners.

That man is still the breadwinner in this state and that woman's place is at home, is indicated by statistical information imparted by a bureau of labor statistics bulletin, dealing with the 1915 population of Missouri, child labor problem and other information as to the occupations of men and women toilers of this commonwealth issued by John T. Fitzpatrick, the commissioner. Eighty per cent of all Missouri men over 16 are either in business for themselves following professions or working for salaries or wages when the work is to be had. Less than 17 per cent of Missouri's women over 16 are toiling for salaries or wages or depend for a living upon the profits of professions, callings and pursuits they follow.

The male population of Missouri at the commencement of 1915 over 10 years of age, was 1,458,336 and of this number, 1,184,449 men and boys, or 80 per cent, were engaged in the gainful occupations.

The female population of the state at the same time was 1,380,723, and of this number 232,721 women and girls, or nearly 17 per cent, were working for living or helping to support themselves and others dependent on them.

### Service Hearings Stated.

Hearings to be held by Public Service Commissioner Edward J. Bean were announced as follows:

Complaints of several places on the Cairo branch of the Iron Mountain, asking for better service and crossing conditions at Bird's Point, Charleston, October 18.

Complaint of Brookwater, in New Madrid county, against the Cotton Belt, asking for new station and better train service, Malden, October 19.

Complaint of citizens of Tannah, New Madrid county, against the St. L. & S. F., asking for new freight and passenger station and better train service, Cape Girardeau, October 21.

### Complain of Phone Rates.

Two complaints were filed with the public service commission from Hannibal asking that body to prohibit the telephone company from charging increased rates. Absorption of a rival company is charged in the complaints.

### Decrease in Revenue.

The state is losing a large sum yearly now in the decrease of saloon licenses. Since the "dry" movement has been under way in this state, Missouri has lost probably a half million dollars in revenue.

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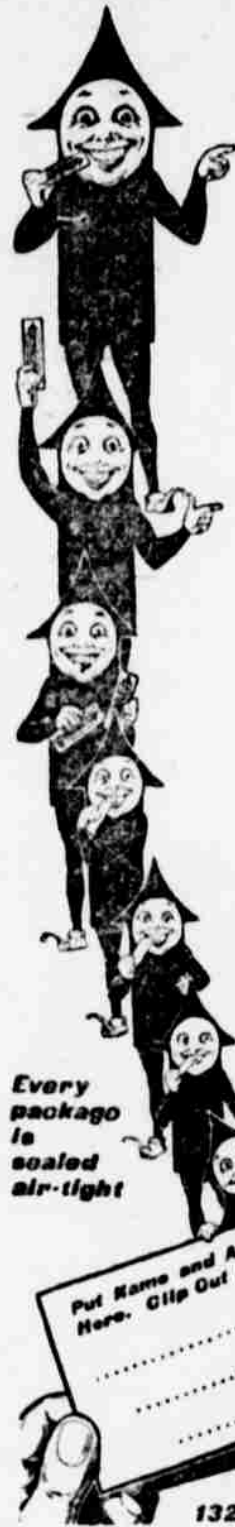
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"Laura, I am going to ask grace." "Well, it's about time," answered "Little Sister," in an equally reproving tone. "We've been expecting you to do it for a year, and she has too!" —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

### His Managers.

"Can I return this necktie if its style, color and cost do not meet with the approval of the board of directors?" asked the little man of the clerk at the haberdashery counter. "I suppose so, but tell me please who are the board of directors?" "My wife and daughters. I must add also that they are the and/or bureau and the committee on style."

### All Settled.

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The hypochondriac snorted. "Young man," he demanded, "how long have you been a doctor?"

"I took my degree three years ago," answered the medical.

"And I am an invalid of twenty-five years' experience. Who are you to disagree with me?"—Brooklyn Eagle.

### SAVED MINISTER'S LIFE.

Rev. W. H. Warner, Frederick, Md., writes: "My trouble was Sciatica. My back was affected and took the form of Lumbago. I also had Neuralgia, cramps in my muscles, pressure or sharp pain on the top of my head and nervous dizzy spells. I had other symptoms showing that my kidneys were at fault, so I took Dodd's Kidney Pills. They were the means of saving my life."

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Who She Was.

He was a new clerk in the store, and was completely flustered when confronted by a trim, fluffy young woman whose beauty so dazzled him that he allowed her to buy a large bill of dry goods and depart after ordering the purchase charged to her, but without giving her name.

"Whom are you going to charge those goods to?" asked the department manager. "What was her name?"

"Why, Miss. Miss. Miss—" stammered the clerk, as he scratched his head.

"Just miscellaneous, I guess," the boss cut in sarcastically.

### Center of Universe.

A recent speculation is that Canopus, in the southern constellation of Argo, is the center of the stellar universe. Though second in apparent brightness to Sirius, it is really much larger, and is at the inconceivable distance of 480 light years from us. Its volume is estimated at 2,400,000 times that of our own sun, while its brilliancy is supposed to be 49,700 times as great.

The Species.

"My dear Mrs. Compost, are those mushrooms yonder edible?"

"No; I think they're canned."

Perturbed Homes.

"My wife has the uplift fever."

"I ain't any better off than you are. Mine has fits."

### Reckoning by Rule.

"How old do you think I am, Mr. Jimpson?" asked Miss Arabella Bumble.

"I happen to know, Miss Bumble," said Jimpson. "You were born in 1870—that makes you just thirty."

"What?" cried Miss Bumble. "Do you mean to say that 1870 from 1895 is only 25?"

"Not arithmetically, Miss Arabella," said Jimpson. "But in reckoning a woman's age, always."

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